THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Pollution in river Yamuna in Delhi and the National Capital Region is a serious problem which is mainly due to lack of dilution capacity of the river, unauthorised colonies broken trunk and branch sewer lines, proliferation of slums on the river bed and mismatch of demand and capacity of Sewerage Treatment Plants. The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) have informed that in Delhi the present capacity of sewage treatment is 402.4 MGD which is proposed to be augmented to 512.4 MGD by 2002-2003. Presently, waste water generation in Delhi is estimated at 610 MGD of which about 325 MGD is being treated.

The NCR Planning Board have informed that many towns in the NCR have sewer system. In Haryana, the colonies being developed by Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA) and private developers. It is the responsibility of respective developers to collect, treat and dispose it off after bringing sewage effluent to the desired standards. Area covered under sewerage system in the towns varies from 42% - 80% of the total town area. NOIDA has been covered 100% by the sewerage system, Ghaziabad 90% Khurja about 75% and Meerut about 30%. At present one Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) of 9 mld. capacity is operational in Noida. In Ghaziabad & Meerut Towns, part of the sewage is being utilised for irrigation purpose.

(c) An Action Plan for rehabilitation of trunk sewers, relocation and rehabilitation of slums of river beds, extending the sewage facilities to all areas of Delhi, construction of more sewerage treatment plants, trapping of drains at their mouth has been prepared by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi which is being implemented and monitored through the DJB. This Action Plan has also been submitted to the Supreme Court in CWP No. 725/94-AQFM Vs CPCB.

State Governments to Amend their Building Bye-Laws

1139. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has written to all the State Governments to amend their building bye-laws to avoid a repeat of the devastation of the recent earthquake in Gujarat;

(b) whether a draft notification of the proposed amendment has also been circulated;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether his attention has been drawn in this context to the news-item, Enforcing earthquake resistant building norms not viable experts appearing in the Hindustan Times, dated 21st January, 2001; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) This Ministry had written to all States and UT's in May 1998 to modify their building bye-laws by incorporating earthquake safety measures as per specifications formulated by Bureau of Indian Standards. After the earthquake in Gujarat, they have been remined to take urgent action in this regard and send a feed back to this Ministry. In respect of Delhi for which this Ministry is responsible, a public notice has been issued for inviting public objection and opinion on the modifications suggested in the Building Bye-laws. This modification proposes to make it mandatory that the structural design of foundation, masonry, timber, plan concrete etc. would be carried out taking into consideration the Indian Standards for earthquake protection of building and that the certificate of doing so would be signed by the owner and the architect.

(d) Government has not come across any such news item in Hindustan Times dated 21.1.2001 at Delhi.

(e) Question does not arise.

Plan to Curb Growth of Unauthorised Constructions in Delhi

1140. SHRI R.K. ANAND : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any effective plan to curb growth of unauthorised constructions in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have also tried to examine the nexus between colonizers and politicians in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Detection of and action against, unauthorised